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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY

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1. DURING MY MEETING TODAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HE MENTIONED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO HIS UPCOMING TALK WITH SECRETARY SEPT 23.

2. INTERNATIONAL EMERGY PROGRAM - FRYDENLUND CONTINUES TO WORRY THAT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION WILL RAISE SOVEREIGNTY AND EEC MEMBERSHIP ISSUES. AUTOMATICITY OF IEP TRIGGER WITHOUT POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS FIRST IS STILL MAJOR NORWEGIAN DIFFICULTY WITH AGREEMENT. THOUGH PRIME MINISTER AND FRYDENLUND ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED, FRYDENLUND STILL WONDERS WHETHER ISSUE IS WORTH STRUGGLE IN PARLIAMENT AND WOULD LIKE AN EASY OUT SUCH AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. HE SUPPORTS STRONG PITCH TO ENLIST THE SCYO OF FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER KORVALD WHEN THEY ARE IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. FRYDENLUND ALSO PLANS SEE DAVIGNON IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY URGES WE (A) STRESS IMPORTANCE OF IEP, (B) TAKE FIRM STAND ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGER AND FULL COMMITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP, AND (C) TELL FRYDENLUND WE WILL URGE KLEPPE AND KORVALD TO SUPPORT IEP.

3. SHIPPING - FRYDENLUND WILL PROBABLY RAISE NORWEGIAN CONCERN
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SECURITY ACT GIVING US TANKERS IMPORT PREFERENCES, WILL EXPRESS HOPE PRESIDENT WILL VETO IT, AND WILL ASK WHETHER PRESIDENT LIKELY TO DO SO.

4. KHMER REPRESENTATION: NORWAY WILL ABSTAIN AGAIN IN UN ON THIS ISSUE. FRYDENLUND BELIEVES THIS POSITION WILL ALSO HELP HIM RESIST GROWING PRESSURES FROM PRG AND DOMESTIC LEFTISTS TO UPGRADE PRG REPRESENTATION HERE.

5. ICELAND BASE NEGOTIATIONS: FRYDENLUND VOICED PLEASURE WITH RESULTS GOVERNMENT CHANGE IN ICELAND WHICH HE HAD PREDICTED AND EMBASSY REPORTED. SECRETARY WOULD SCORE POINT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER IF HE WOULD MENTION THAT HE GAVE US GOOD ADVICE ON THAT ONE.

6. CYPRUS - GREEK SITUATION: FRYDENLUND WANTS TO DISCUSS MATTER IN SOME DEPTH AND WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED HE SEE SISCO IF POSSIBLE. (OSLO 4294) FRYDENLUND SAID HE HAS COLLEAGUES IN NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT, WHOM HE HOPES TO SEE DURING HIS NEW YORK VISIT. HE SAID IF WE WISH TO SUGGEST ANYTHING HE CAN DO TO ASSIST ALLIED CAUSE IN THESE CONTACTS HE WILL BE GLAD TO.
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